

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2006, in which the finality of previous office action was withdrawn in response to the appeal briefs submitted March 6, 2006 and June 2, 2006 and the Supplemental Appeal brief submitted on August 3, 2006. In the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 50 because "the hydrophobic protective material" lacked antecedent basis. This amendment is submitted to amend claim 50 to obviate the rejection of claim 50 and present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. A notice of appeal in the instant application has been submitted prior to this amendment, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 41.33.

The undersigned has been authorized by Richard A. Negin, Reg. No. 28,649, an attorney of record in the subject application, to prepare and file this Amendment on behalf of the Assignee. Correspondence should be directed to Chief Patent Counsel, BASF Catalysts LLC, 101 Wood Avenue, P.O. Box 770, Iselin, NJ, 08830-0770.

It is not believed that any fees are due. However, if any fees are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3329.

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